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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Woods, Conway, Talcott, D. Schmidt, Koster, Bush, Wensman, Carlson, Rockefeller, Kenney, Cody, Barlean, Schoesler, Sump, Cairnes, Thomas, Huff, Haigh, Mastin, McDonald, Lantz, Santos, Skinner, Ogden and McIntire)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a World War II oral history project; adding a
2 new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more than two
5 hundred fifty thousand of Washington's citizens served their country in
6 the armed forces of the United States during World War II. The
7 legislature also finds that almost six thousand of those citizens
8 sacrificed their lives to secure our nation's and the world's peace and
9 freedom. The legislature finds that the hardships and sacrifices
10 endured by the families and communities of these service men and women
11 were critical to the eventual success of our nation's defense. The
12 legislature also finds the memories of these stalwart patriots must be
13 preserved to remind future generations of the price the members of the
14 greatest generation paid to preserve our democratic way of life. The
15 legislature further finds that to have a clearer reflection of these
16 sacrifices on behalf of freedom and democracy, it is necessary to
17 include the memories of all women and men of our armed forces, their
18 family members, and others involved in the war effort so that these
19 memories mirror our nation's rich ethnic diversity. In addition, the

1 legislature recognizes the existence and contributions of the World War
2 II memorial educational foundation. Members of the foundation include
3 World War II veterans, and advisors from the office of veterans
4 affairs, the superintendent of public instruction, and the secretary of
5 state. The legislature intends to honor the veterans who served in
6 World War II and their supportive families by preserving their memories
7 so Washington's school children will never forget the significant human
8 costs of war and the efforts of their ancestors to preserve and protect
9 our country and the world from tyranny. The legislature further
10 intends that members of the World War II memorial educational
11 foundation have a strong advisory role in the preservation of those
12 memories and the creation of instructional materials on the war.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The World War II oral history project is established for the
16 purpose of providing oral history presentations, documentation, and
17 other materials to assist the office of the superintendent of public
18 instruction and educators in the development of a curriculum for use in
19 kindergarten through twelfth grade.

20 (2) The project shall be administered by the office of the
21 superintendent of public instruction. The office shall convene an
22 advisory committee to assist in the design and implementation of the
23 project. The committee shall be composed of members of the World War
24 II memorial educational foundation, the department of veterans affairs,
25 the secretary of state's office, and legislators involved with and
26 interested in the development of the oral history project. The
27 committee may select its own chair and may expand its membership to
28 include the services of other individuals, agencies, or organizations
29 on the basis of need. The office shall provide staffing and
30 administrative support to the advisory committee.

31 (3) The project will preserve for the education of Washington's
32 school children the memories and history of our state's citizens who
33 served their state and country as members of the armed forces or
34 through national or community contributions during World War II. The
35 project is intended to preserve these memories and history through
36 audiotapes, videotapes, films, stories, printed transcripts, digitally,
37 and through other appropriate methods.

1 (4) As part of the project, the office of the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall identify the requirements regarding
3 instructional guides to help educators use the preserved material in
4 age and grade appropriate ways.

5 (5) In its administration of the project, the office may carry out
6 its responsibilities through contracts with filming and taping
7 specialists, mini-grants to schools, contracts with the World War II
8 memorial educational foundation, and through other means recommended by
9 the foundation.

10 (6) By December 1, 2000, and every second year thereafter in which
11 the project has received funding through the appropriations act, the
12 office shall report on the results of the project to the governor and
13 the house of representatives and senate committees on education. The
14 December 2000 report shall include, but need not be limited to,
15 identification of the project's implementation strategies and resource
16 requirements, and any curriculum standards developed through the
17 project.

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